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CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY
Geography Division, ORR
Project Initiation Memorandum

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From:

Project No.: 61.1651.

Date: 12 April 1958

1. Subject of Proposed Project: Provisional Administrative Atlas of Mainland China.
2. Statement of Problem: To produce a provisional edition of an atlas consisting of photocopies of maps from a Chinese atlas, over which will be overprinted administrative names and boundaries.

Nothing of the sort is available except to a few individuals who have access to and ability to use the Chinese atlases themselves.

While the current situation calls for an up-to-date set of maps to facilitate location of points mentioned in press and radio translations, several considerations make an ostensibly "provisional" issuance expedient:

- a. User response to some tangible advance publication would best determine the scope and format of a more finished publication later.
 - b. Timely publication of a recompiled and redrafted atlas is impossible because of the unavailability of adequate source material on internal boundaries.
3. Requester: Self-initiated
 4. Responsible Analyst and Branch:
 5. Kind and Extent of Cooperation Desired from:

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- a. Other divisions of the Geographic Area: Preparation of 1 plate for each of 27 maps with overprinting of boundaries and designations (see attached outline).
- b. Other parts of CIA: Names of administrative units to be shown on map aprons are currently being translated from 1957 "Handbook of Administrative Subdivisions of the CPR." Estimated completion date 30 April 1958.

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6. Estimated Man Hours: 100 professional in 25X1
7. Probable Completion Date: 30 April 1958 in 25X1
Completion in depends on scheduling; 25X1
in compilation and drafting.
8. Probable Form of Final Publication: (unclassified but controlled
to Official Use Only). 25X1
9. Special Recommendations Regarding Distribution of Finished Report:
Sufficiently wide distribution to service both IAC and Non-IAC Agencies
doing China research.
10. Comments: Request will be made of the Office of Security for waiver
of the storage requirements for OFFICIAL USE ONLY material.

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OUTLINE: PROVISIONAL ADMINISTRATIVE ATLAS OF MAINLAND CHINA

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1. Brief Introductory Section

- a. Introductory statements regarding format, purpose, sources, etc.
- b. Explanation of administrative structure, translations of terms, romanization problem, key to numbering system, periodic revision, etc.
- c. Table of area and population.

2. About 26 maps of the country and of the several provinces at varying scales, in size approximately 13 x 18 inches. They will consist of one plate of number-letter designations and special district boundaries overprinted on enlarged photocopies of plates from 1956 provincial atlas of China. (These are political maps showing cities and towns, transportation, and hydrography, and containing all important names -- in Chinese -- that are currently in use.)

3. Indexes -- alphabetical, of romanized names of towns, hsien, and special administrative districts -- to the map plates and designators.